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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants are submitting herewith a copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and copies of the documents listed in the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's consideration.

This information disclosure statement is being submitted, on information and belief, before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits.

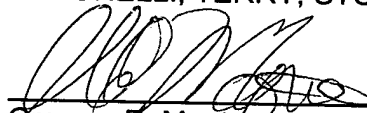
To the extent the documents listed on the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 are not in the English language, the requirement of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied by an English language abstract of each of the documents provided herein and the partial translation of the foreign Office Actions.

It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Examiner.

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